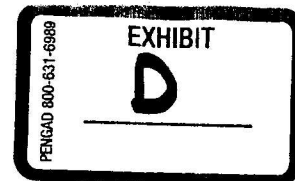




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Dear Mr. Fitch:

This refers to the 2002 House and Senate redistricting plans; the temporary change in the redistricting procedures and the candidate qualifying period; and the renumbering of the House districts for the State of New Hampshire, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submissions on August 15 and 16, 2002; supplemental information was received through August 29, 2002.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. In addition, as authorized by Section 5, we reserve the right to reexamine these submissions if additional information that would otherwise require an objection comes to our attention during the remainder of the sixty-day review period. See the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 (28 C.F.R. 51.41).

Sincerely,

Ralph F. Boyd, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

Exhibit E

Exhibit E will be submitted separately.